

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT KNOXVILLE**

S.B., a minor student, by and through his parents, )  
M.B. and L.H., *et al.*, )  
Plaintiffs, )  
v. )  
GOVERNOR BILL LEE, in his official )  
capacity as GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE, and )  
KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, )  
Defendants. )

## **RESPONSE OF GOVERNOR BILL LEE TO PROPOSED INTERVENOR-DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO INTERVENE**

Defendant Bill Lee, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Tennessee (“State Defendant”), responds to Proposed Intervenor-Defendants’ Motion to Intervene. (ECF 115.) The State Defendant takes no position as to proposed intervenors’ contention that they are entitled to intervention of right pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 24(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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